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Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/NL2003/000453 and for priority application NL1020910 (with English translation thereof). Except as being cited in the above-mentioned reports, the exact relevance of certain references is unknown.

Also included is a copy of the written opinion and the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/NL2003/00453.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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